

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an apparatus and method for operating in reduced slotted mode. Following the release of the traffic channel, a mobile station (102) and base station (108) operate with a shorter slot cycle governed by a reduced slot cycle index value. The mobile station and base station operate using the reduced slot cycle index value until a particular time occurs governed by a reduced slotted timer value or for a period of time governed by the reduced slotted timer value. The invention provides faster call setup for mobile station terminated calls, without requiring registration with a MSC (110) to change between the reduced slot cycle index value and the registered slot cycle index value.